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Senate Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_

House No. HB1325  
By Cole

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-116,  
relative to the legislative intent for the construction of the  
workers' compensation law.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-116, is amended by deleting the  
section in its entirety and substituting instead the following new section:

It is the intent of the legislature that the workers' compensation law be interpreted  
so as to assure the quick and efficient delivery of disability and medical benefits to an  
injured worker and to facilitate the worker's return to gainful reemployment at a  
reasonable cost to the employer. It is the specific intent of the legislature that workers'  
compensation cases shall be decided on their merits. In addition, it is the intent of the  
legislature that the facts in a workers' compensation case are not to be interpreted  
liberally in favor of either the rights of the injured worker or the rights of the employer.  
Additionally, the legislature hereby declares that disputes concerning the facts in  
workers compensation cases are not to be given a broad liberal construction in favor of  
the employee on the one hand or of the employer on the other hand, and the laws  
pertaining to workers' compensation are to be construed in accordance with the basic

principles of statutory construction and not liberally in favor of either employee or employer. It is the intent of the legislature to ensure the prompt delivery of benefits to the injured worker; therefore, an efficient and self-executing system must be created which is not an economic or administrative burden. The workers' compensation division, appeals board, and courts therefore have the duty to administer and interpret the workers' compensation law in a manner which facilitates the self-execution of the system and the process of ensuring a prompt and cost-effective delivery of payments.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-201,  
relative to eligibility for service retirement under the  
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